

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph beginning at page 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] This application is a ~~continuation-in-part~~ divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~09/966,317~~ 10/237,554, filed ~~September 27, 2001~~ 2002, and entitled "Vertical Filter," which is a ~~division~~ continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~09/553,511~~ 09/966,317, filed ~~April 20, 2000~~ September 27, 2001, and entitled "Vertical Filter" which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~09/553,511~~, filed April 20, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,319,413, and entitled "Method of Filtering Liquid Using a Vertical Filter," both of which are herein incorporated by reference.